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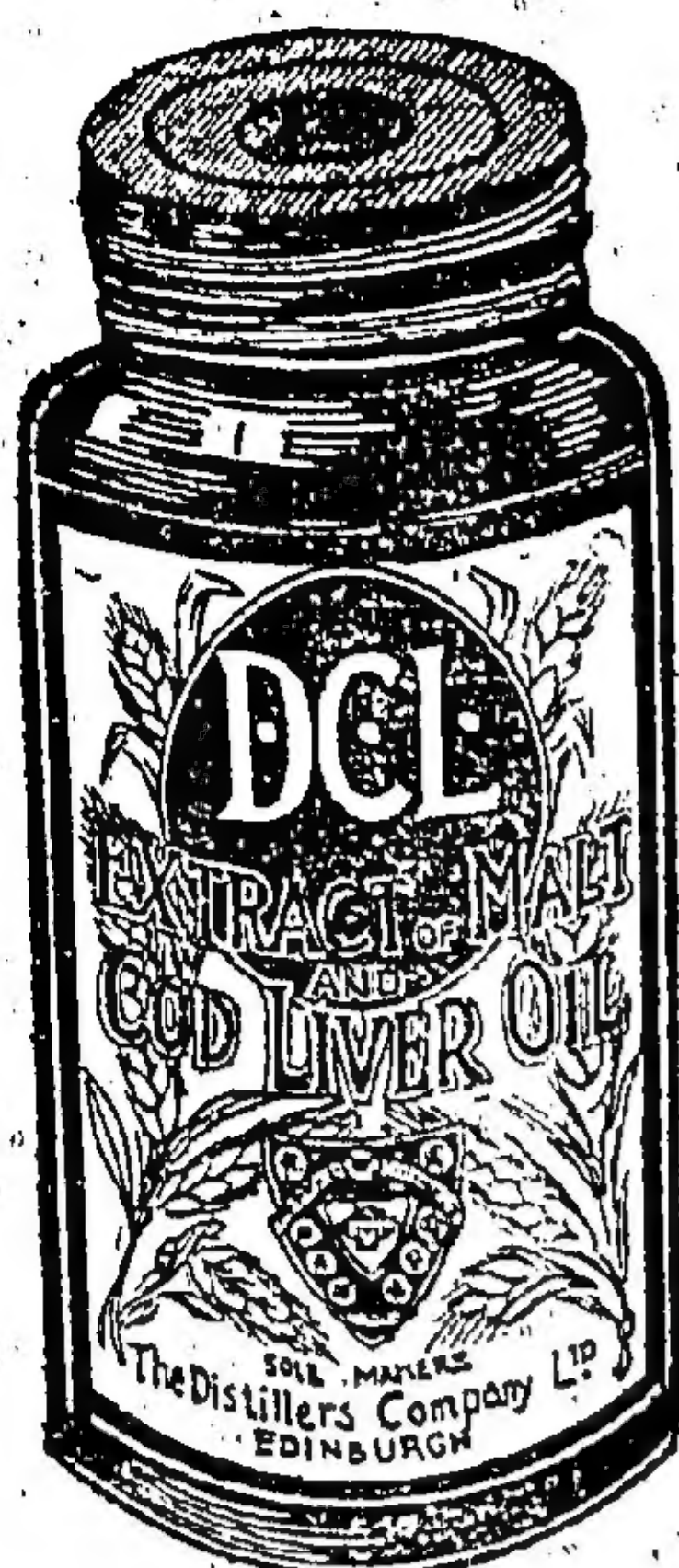
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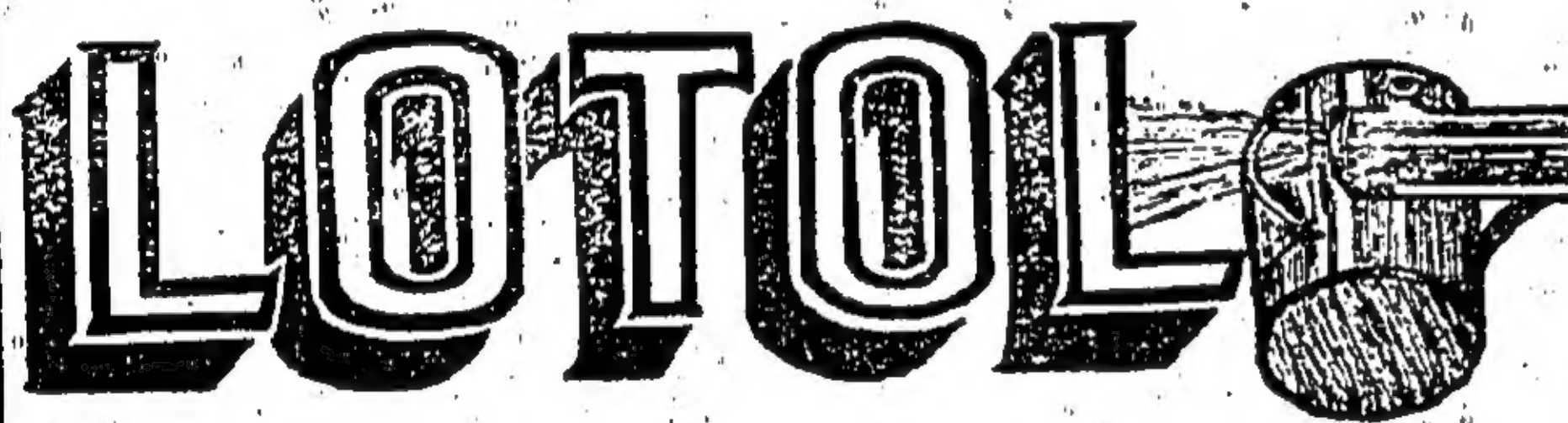
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE PROSPECT OF A LABOUR
GOVERNMENT IN POWER
PROS AND CONS OF AN INTERESTING
SITUATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, December 20th.

WHEN LABOUR GOVERN.

Following the General Election one hears a great deal about the prospect of Labour coming into power almost at once. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his principal supporters are, in fact, making elaborate arrangements to take Office if the opportunity arises, as seems likely, early next year. The Labour leader is Cabinet-making, and it is interesting, but unprofitable, to read who are mentioned as probable Ministers. In the connection the names of Miss Margaret Bondfield, President of the Trade Union Congress, is put forward as being an almost certain Minister of the Crown, possibly Minister of Health. The whole thing is so indefinite at the moment that I need not go into details, though the mere mention of women as members of the Cabinet indicates how far and fast we have travelled politically in the last few years.

It is only a handful of Labour leaders who have had Ministerial experience. Those who have are Mr. J. R. Clynes, who was Minister of Food during the war-time shortage; Mr. Stephen Walsh, who was Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board (now the Ministry of Health); and Mr. Arthur Henderson, who was in the Cabinet. Mr. Henderson failed to get elected recently, but no doubt a seat would be found for him. The list of men with administrative experience is, quite apart from any other aspects of Government by Labour, there are many inevitable risks of serious blunders being made through lack of knowledge.

TAKING IT CALMLY.

I find that since the prospect of Labour coming into power has increased there is a disposition to drop the attitude of indignant protest which was so common on every hand, and look the fact squarely in the face. The best opinion inclines to the common-sense view that to recognise that Labour as a Party has come to stay, and to make arrangements to deal with the situation. It is futile to create a noise about the danger to the State which some writers and speakers are convinced must ensue from Government by Labour. This line of comment is at a discount; and, instead, public opinion is coming round to the view that as soon as Labour assumes the responsibilities of Office the mere fact of doing so will have a most sobering effect.

It is one thing to get up on a platform, or on a soap-box at a street corner, and talk glibly about creating a new heaven and earth, as though this could be done by the mere act of putting a Labour Government into power. The beautiful theories that serve to embellish Socialist orations cannot be translated into practice either politically or otherwise, because, as we all know, Governments that seek to rule by constitutional methods can only advance step by step, and whatever is done is subject to hard matter-of-fact conditions, of which the least is not the least important. Mr. MacDonald knows this well, and so do his chief associates, and nobody need feel alarmed that a Labour Government would try to get their way except by Parliamentary action.

LIONS IN THE PATH.

The foregoing sums up pretty accurately the general trend of informed opinion, whether Liberal or Conservative, on the question of a Labour Government. But it is only proper to say that many quite responsible persons in financial and business circles are apt to take a more serious view of the matter. They cannot get out of their heads the threat of the Capital Levy, and they assume that the first thing a Labour Government would do would be to take steps to conscript wealth above a certain level. This danger is not, however, so real as it was a couple of years ago when the proposal was first put forward. Conditions have changed enormously since then, and even Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has publicly confessed that before introducing the Capital Levy the permanent officials of the Treasury and other officials would be consulted. This statement expresses no more and no less than the actual fact, and, of course, it knocks the bottom out of the suggested new departure.

Everyone conversant with the manner in which the business of Government is carried on in this country is perfectly well aware that no Minister is able to introduce a Bill until he has had the assistance of the permanent officials. They alone possess the necessary information. Without that information it is impossible to proceed. When the Chancellor of the Exchequer comes to prepare his Budget he has to rely implicitly upon the heads of half-a-dozen of Government Departments for details about estimated revenue and expenditure, and, in short, although the Chancellor makes the Budget speech he makes very little of the Budget.

It does not matter to what Party a Minister may belong, he cannot proceed on the difficult road of legislation unless he has the support of the ablest and most experienced officials of the Civil Service. Put the most obstinate and vitriolic critic of Government to be found in the House of Commons in a Ministerial post and he becomes as meek and mild as a lamb. There are scores of instances—Lord Randolph Churchill, for example, who was wont to describe the Government Departments as a "nest of damned Gladstonians," who became one of the most docile of Secretaries for India; or Mr. John Burns, the wildest of Radicals, who was a model President of

the Board of Trade. So, I am convinced, will it be with Labour Ministers. They will be unable to help themselves, even if they wish, once they have on their shoulders the burdens and responsibilities of office.

THE DOUGLAS CASE.

Mr. Winston Churchill has been warmly congratulated on his courage in bringing Lord Alfred Douglas into Court on a charge of criminal libel, and also on the result of the trial. The defendant has been sentenced to six months' in the second division, a punishment which, all things considered, does not err on the side of severity. The libel was of an insidious character. It accused Mr. Churchill of conspiring to convert a false report of the Battle of Jutland in order to enable the late Sir Ernest Cassel to make money on the Stock Exchange. But the report, as has been well-known to everybody, was written by Lord Balfour, and Mr. Churchill had nothing to do with it.

Lord Alfred Douglas, who has been running a paper called *Plain English*, a scurrilous rag of the worst possible type, has pursued Mr. Churchill in this print with incredible malignity for a long time past. When the libel first appeared he was for prosecuting Douglas, but refrained on the advice of the Lord Chief Justice, who was then Attorney-General; neither the paper nor its editor were, it was considered, worth powder and shot. But the attacks have been so persistent that at last Mr. Churchill had to take action, and he has completely vindicated his character.

DETACHMENT IN COURT.

One aspect of the Douglas case is the subject of comment in the Press and elsewhere. The way the defence was conducted was certainly not in accordance with the best traditions of the English Bar. Mr. Cecil Hayes, who appeared as counsel for Lord Alfred Douglas, seemed bent on covering Mr. Churchill's political career for the purpose of throwing mud at that statesman, as he described it, as "a mixture of a diatribe on politicians and vituperative abuse of Mr. Churchill." Complaint was made on behalf of the defendant that the latter was hindered in putting his case; but I believe it would be impossible to mention any case where counsel was allowed greater latitude. It is being suggested that the Bar Council should deal with Mr. Cecil Hayes; otherwise, litigation will hold a new terror for litigants and witnesses of clever counsel whose professional standards are not of the highest are allowed to besmirch with foul suspicions the character of people obliged to submit to cross examination.

LORD HALDANE.

If and when the Labour Party are called upon to take office as His Majesty's Government it is generally assumed that Lord Haldane will be the Lord Chancellor and spokesman of the Government in the House of Lords. If, however, he were to consult his own wishes he would be either President of the Board of Education or Secretary for War, the former being nearest his heart. It is obvious that Labour, as the Party in Office, must be at a disadvantage in the House of Lords compared with the traditional Parties; but it is curious and significant to note that several peers are showing marked sympathy with many items of the Labour programme. Of course, if there were any serious difficulty the Labour Premier could—if he liked—advise the King to create a few life Peers.

LUCKY "BEGGAR'S OPERA."

This week the curtain was rung down for the last time on "The Beggar's Opera," which has run for about three and a half years—1,463 performances altogether. Most plays when they come to an end show signs of waning popularity; there are empty seats, and a sense of staleness. But the famous show at Hammer-smith finished with the approval of everybody, and to all appearances the play could have lasted another year. Some people have seen it a hundred times, and those who have been to the theatre again and again are without number, and are among the most enthusiastic. It is said that at least a million Londoners have witnessed the performance.

One interesting thing about "The Beggar's Opera" is that it is entirely national, written by an Englishman, on traditional English, Scottish, and Irish airs, and the humour is delightful. It seems to be the only opera that can hold the popular fancy. Other more ambitious operas are staged and in a few weeks the public tires of them, and off they come with, as a rule, a loss to the producers to a considerable amount. Another point about this remarkable venture is that it was first put on at Hammer-smith by a little band who must have made a fortune out of it. They include Mr. Arnold Bennett, Mr. Nigel Playfair, Mr. Lovat Fraser, and Mr. Austin. With the possible exception of "Chu Chin Chow," no other play in recent times has been so splendidly successful.

SINGAPORE TO THE FORE.

It is generally supposed that with a change of Government there will be a change of policy in regard to the construction of the proposed naval base at Singapore. Whether that will be so or not will soon be made apparent after the meeting of Parliament next month. The Liberals have been exceedingly critical from the outset, and Labour has been frankly hostile. That feeling is fairly strong on the subject is shown by the persistence with which the opponents of the scheme are keeping up a running fire of comment and argument in the Press. How far this is inspired by pacifist leanings I am not prepared to say; but there is the fact. Meanwhile, the Admiralty chiefs are proceeding calmly with the plans for the beginning of the great work of constructing the base at Singapore, with profound indifference to anything which is being said and written.—H.B.



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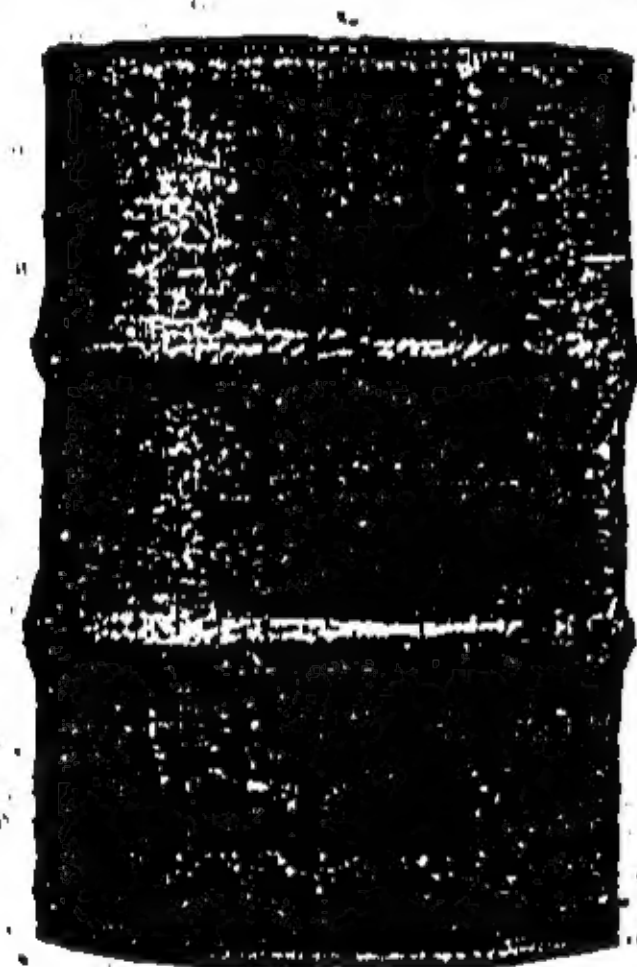
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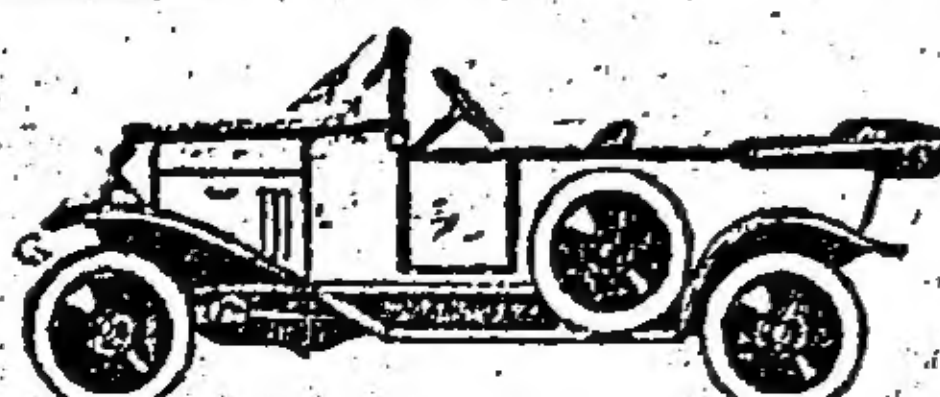
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their weekly share report, dated January 25th, say:

The market opened weak, but during the last few days has developed more cheerfulness following an improved demand for several stocks, and this has resulted in the transaction of a larger volume of business.

Hongkong Lands have provided the principal feature with a smart appreciation in value, while there has been a slight recovery in Green Island Cement; otherwise prices, with a few exceptions, have kept fairly steady, and latest quotations show no great change on the week.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks mark a further rise with sales made up to \$1,130 and further buyers at this rate. The London quotation is £123 (middle). Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have been dealt in at \$230 to \$233 and more are wanted at the former figure. North China are enquired for at Tls. 140 and China Fires at \$140. Cantons at \$725 and Hongkong Fires at \$350 have not moved.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been negotiated at \$43 and continue in request. Douglas Steamships have been in good demand and the price has moved upwards to \$57. Star Ferries are asked for at \$63.

Refineries.—China Sugars were dealt in to a fair extent during the week up to \$275 but close quieter with shares obtainable at \$280. Malabons at \$33 continued neglected.

Oils and Mining.—"Shell" Transports have strengthened and could be placed at 85/6. There are buyers of Kailans at 60/- and Tronols at 30/- Benquets have been done at P.2 and continue in request.

Electric Companies.—China Lights have come to business at \$174. Hongkong Trams fell away in the early part of the week to \$231, but have since recovered to a buying rate of \$234. Hongkong Electric have been sold at \$33.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves declined to \$173 during the week, but recovered to \$178 towards the close. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue very flat and can be had at \$155. Shanghai Docks are on offer at Tls. 7.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands, after being offered at \$96, came into strong demand, and the price gradually rose to \$108. A large business has been done in this stock both for cash and forward. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels were sold down to \$26, but have since reacted to a higher level and could be placed at \$28 at the close. Humphreys Estates, at \$28 are unaltered from last week. A dividend of 80 cents and bonus of 80 cents is announced by this Company.

Cotton Mills.—Ewe have been placed at Tls. 121. There are sellers of Orientals at Tls. 54 and Shanghai Cottons at Tls. 70.

Miscellaneous.—China Providents have receded to \$27. Dairy Farms have been booked at \$24 to \$25. Green Island Cement has been an erratic market. After sales in the beginning of the week at \$37, the shares receded to \$33, but firmed up again towards the close to \$36. Lane Crawfords were put through at \$17, but the demand has since slackened. Realty has changed hands at \$25 and Watsons at \$25. There are buyers of Union Waterboats at \$17, Wm. Powells at \$20, Taxibos at \$42 and Sinceres at \$123. Hongkong Ropes are offered at \$65.

Forward Settlement Days.—29th January (Tuesday), 26th February (Tuesday), and 25th March (Tuesday), 1924.

Exchange.—The T.T. selling rate on London to-day is 2/4 and on Shanghai 70.

BRITONS PAYING REPARATIONS. NEW GERMAN SCHEME.

Through German manipulation in regard to the Reparations Recovery Act, British importers are paying German reparations.

Under the Act the British Customs levied 26 per cent. duty on the value of all imports from Germany. The British importer paid the German supplier by forwarding 74 per cent. of their value plus the Customs receipt for 26 per cent. Then the German took the Customs receipt to his own Government and obtained the balance.

Now the German Government have announced that they will refuse to refund their traders the 26 per cent. This will apply to all transactions entered into since November 17th. The result is the German exporter declines to do business with British firms except on an understanding that they pay the full 100 per cent. of the value of the goods supplied. But the British Customs continue to collect the duty from the British importer.

A City of London trader stated to a newspaper representative last month: "Representations have been made to the Board of Trade about the injury that is being done to British trade, and all the satisfaction they give us is to say they are making strong representations to Germany. But meanwhile the Customs go on collecting the duty from us. We say the Act ought to be suspended if Germany is not going to refund the 26 per cent. as reparations. Otherwise the Act is converted into a tariff Act, and the tariff becomes 35 per cent. When I go to the Customs I am asked: 'Are you paying the full 100 per cent.?' and I have to say that I am. Then the Government say that if the invoice price is £100, and the whole of that is paid to the German exporter, the value of the goods for the purposes of the Act is £135 2s. 8d., of which 74 per cent. is represented by the £100 paid to the exporter and 26 per cent. £25 2s. 8d. payable to the Customs. The £25 duty per £100 has become £35.

The will of Mr. Bonar Law has been provisionally sworn at £51,397.

INTIMATIONS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

ACTION No. 263 OF 1923.

BETWEEN TUNG SHANG WING CHING KEE, Plaintiff
and
THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., Defendants.

NOTICE.

To CHARLES A. GARDNER, Proprietor of THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO., and to THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY.

TAKE NOTICE that an Action has been commenced against you in the above Court by Writ of Summons dated the 8th day of December, 1923, which Writ is endorsed as follows:—

"The Plaintiff's Claim is against the Defendants for the Sum of \$23,077.00 as drawers of a Cheque dated the 30th November, 1923, on the International Banking Corporation and No. 363306 in favour of the Plaintiff, which was dishonoured on presentation. Notice of such dishonour has been given to the Defendants."

"Sgt. G. R. Haywood."

"And the Sum of \$135.00 for Costs. If the amount claimed is paid to the Plaintiff or their Solicitor or Agent within Four Days from the Date hereof, further proceedings will be stayed. This Writ was issued by G. R. Haywood, of No. 44, Des Voeux Road, Central, 2nd floor, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor for the Plaintiff."

"Sgt. G. R. Haywood."

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that by an Order of the Supreme Court in the above Action, upon the application of the Plaintiff the following Order was made:

"Upon the application of the Plaintiff herein and upon reading the affirmations of SHUI AN-BAK BUX and CHAU KA HO filed herein on the 17th and 23rd days of December, 1923, and the 7th January, 1924, respectively, IT IS ORDERED that the service of the Writ of Summons herein be effected on the Defendants by one insertion of an advertisement in the 'Hongkong Government Gazette' and by three insertions of the same advertisement in one Evening and one Morning Paper published in the Colony of Hongkong and by a copy of the said Writ of Summons and a copy of this Order being nailed on the Court House door."

"Dated the 18th day of January, 1924."

(L. S.) (Sd.) C. D. MCKIBBEN, Deputy Registrar.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Advertisement is inserted in this Newspaper pursuant to such Order and that you are caused to appearance to be entered in the Registry of the Supreme Court of Hongkong in this Action either personally or by Solicitor and that in default of such appearance the Plaintiff may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

"Dated this 24th day of January, 1924."
(Sd.) G. R. HAYWOOD, Solicitor for the Plaintiff, 44, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong. [245]

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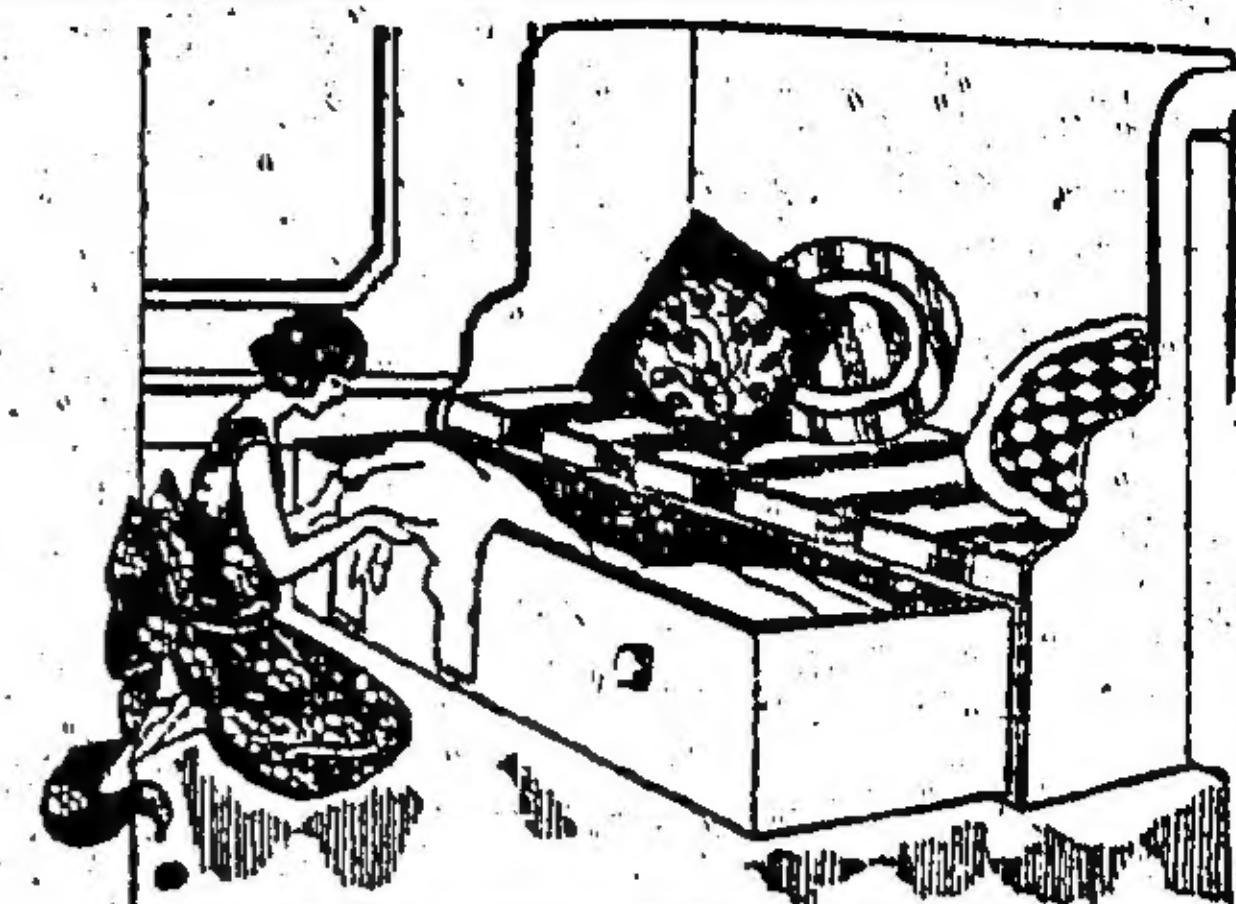
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ADVICE TO STUDENTS BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) distributed the prizes at the annual gathering at Queen's College on Saturday morning. Among those present were Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G. (Assistant Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. C. Rumjahn (member of the Education Board), Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, and Capt. Neville (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor).

His Excellency, in the course of a brief address, congratulated the school on maintaining its reputation. Queen's College, he considered, had experienced a very successful year. He hoped the students would return from the New Year's holidays ready to carry on the good work.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education) also addressed the scholars, referring, in passing, to his impending retirement.

After H.E. the Governor had presented the prizes and Mr. B. Tanner (Headmaster) had read the annual report (extracts from which appear below), the latter referred to the approaching departure of the Head of the Department. This would be the last occasion the School would have, said Mr. Tanner, of bidding Mr. Irving a collective and official farewell. The Headmaster wished the Director, and Mrs. Irving, the best of fortune and health. (Applause.)

Replying, the Hon. Mr. Irving thanked the school for its kind wishes. He had been with them over 20 years. To them, it might seem a long time, but it had passed like a dream in the night. It had been a happy time. "I would, before I go," concluded Mr. Irving, "give you a piece of advice. If you, too, want to have happy lives you must make other people happy. That is the secret of happiness." (Applause.)

Cheers and "tiggers" for all concerned terminated the proceedings.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

MANY UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION SUCCESSSES.

The Headmaster's report for year ended November 30th, 1923, stated:—

The school year under review was a shorter one than usual, extending from January 1st to November 30th. It has been arranged that in future the school year shall begin on December 1st and terminate at the end of November. This re-arrangement was considered advisable so that the class examinations might as far as possible synchronise with the University Matriculation and Local Examinations, and promotions and admissions be made immediately afterwards so as to enable us to settle down without waste of time to the following year's work.

The total number of students in attendance during the year was 839, being 40 more than in the previous year. Of this total, all, with the exception of 12 boys, were enrolled at the beginning of the year. The District Schools, as usual, supplied the great majority of boys, after competitive examination. In the Upper School, there were admitted no fewer than 180 boys from these schools to the various sections of Class 3. The average daily attendance was 675, being an increase of 33 over that of the previous year.

The following more important changes took place in the personnel of the staff during the school year:—In March Mr. Chun Tat-ming, senior vernacular master in the department, retired, and Mrs. Ritchie and Miss Rosser resigned. In April Mr. de Rome was transferred to the headmastership of the Ellis Kadoorie School. In May, Mr. Noel Evans came to us from the Central British School, while in July Mr. Meacock arrived from home. Two months later Mr. Edwards left us to take up the headmastership of Yau-ming School, and Mr. Duncan Campbell joined the staff here. In October Mrs. Cornack returned from leave; in November Mr. K. L. Chau was appointed, and at the end of the same month Mr. Reeve was transferred to the Central British School. Here for a moment I must intrude into the present school year in order to extend a welcome to Mr. Hamilton upon his return from leave on December 15th, and to Miss Anderson, our most recent recruit, who arrived from home on December 29th.

The discipline, control, and general tone of the school have been maintained at the same high level of excellence at which we always aim, and this notwithstanding the marked reduction in the average age of our boys brought about by the strict enforcement of an age limit for each class. The excellent tone and general all-round good feeling prevailing in the playgrounds and among the boys when not under the direct supervision of members of the staff reflect the greatest credit upon the school prefects and other responsible senior boys.

The health of the school was, on the whole, better than usual. Dr. Esler examined 215 newly enrolled boys; of these 94 were recommended by him for further treatment because of defective vision; they received additional attention from Dr. Morrison, and 91 of them were supplied with spectacles. To the medical staff of the Alice Memorial Hospital I have to offer our customary expression of

thanks for their prompt attention to minor casualties, and for their kindness in reporting upon and prescribing for boys suffering from slight ailments.

In the class-rooms and laboratories the year has been marked by a cheerful atmosphere of steady work and effort, and although examination results in several instances leave much to be desired, I feel that the work itself may justly be described as highly satisfactory.

Referring in detail to the results of the recent November examinations I shall deal first with the Lower School, consisting of Classes 8 to 4. Here we examined 276 boys and of these 225 qualified for promotion.

The pass standard from Class 4 here and at the District Schools into our Upper School was last year raised from 50 to 60 per cent.

Dwelling upon the perennial falling off in numbers that takes place in Class 3 (the junior class of the Upper School) I should like to explain that quite a number of boys regularly seek admission here for the sole purpose of enabling them to describe themselves as Queen's College boys. Occasionally such a boy presents himself and applies for a leaving certificate after being here for a mere matter of a week or two. This has led to the introduction of a rule by which no boy is now granted such a certificate until he has been in attendance for at least six months and has taken a half-yearly or an annual examination. For some years, also, no leaving certificate has been issued without having the photograph of the applicant attached and other precautionary measures being taken. I first realised that such precautions were necessary some years ago when, after correspondence with the then Postal Commissioner in Canton, it was discovered that certain unprincipled holders of the older certificates were turning them in to account by letting them out on hire to applicants for positions in the Chinese postal department and other places and so enabling them to pose as old Queen's boys.

Altogether 28 distinctions were scored by our Junior Local Candidates, one boy, Chang Lu-nan, the top boy on the Science side, obtaining no less than 5.

And here let me say how pleased I am that a somewhat higher standard of marking the Junior Local papers has at last been put into operation by the University.

Dealing with Class 1, to which no boy is promoted until he has obtained a Junior Local Certificate.—In June 1923 three Matriculation Candidates, who had failed in November 1922, sat again and of these two passed; incidentally, the third one, with commendable determination, sat a third time in November 1923 and has at last found haven at the University. In November the 13 boys in attendance on the Science side were all presented for Matriculation and of these 11 passed and two failed. On the Commercial side, of the entire class of 21 boys who sat, 4 succeeded in Matriculating while 3 were awarded a Senior Local pass and the rest failed. Of the 17 boys who matriculated 4 obtained distinctions while Ching Hing-chow and Chan Yik-king were awarded honours; the former, our Head Prefect and Top Boy of the School, was also the winner of the President of China Scholarship. Ever since our boys have succeeded in capturing it, except in 1921 when I was at Home on leave and when owing to some misunderstanding our boys sat for the June examinations (when no scholarships are awarded) and so left a clear field for other competitors at the November examinations. It is, after all, only reasonable to expect that we should more or less "corner" this particular Scholarship since by recruiting our Scholars as we do not only from our own Lower School but from the Government District Schools as well, we usually get the pick in brains at any rate of those boys who are subjects of the Republic and so entitled to compete.

In previous years our boys in the Commercial section of Class 1 have been prepared and entered for the Senior Local examination; in 1923, however, we decided, as part of a general effort to improve the standard of work, to enter them all for the Matriculation examination and so give those who wished to do so an opportunity of proceeding to the University.

Games continue to be increasingly popular, and football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, cricket, swimming, running and boxing—each under the direction and control of a specially interested master—all attract a keenly enthusiastic following.

The libraries and reading-rooms (English and Chinese) continue to be popular. Books, other than works of fiction, have been in greater request than ever before, and the reference section, to which several valuable additions were made during the year is of great service, especially to members of the Staff and boys in the Senior Classes. The number of papers, periodicals and magazines in the reading-rooms has been considerably increased, and to members of the Old Boys' Association we are again indebted for contributions of funds and books toward the upkeep of the Chinese section of the library. Mr. Handyside, as librarian in charge, is regularly assisted in his duties by the School Prefects.

The Yellow Dragon (the College magazine) still under the able editorship of Mr. Kay, although now in its 25th year, shows no decline in its customary briskness and vigour, but continues to steadily increasing circulation to indicate the sustained interest and appreciation not only of our present generation of boys, but of old boys and others in all parts of the world.

Altogether, the year 1923 may be set down as a prosperous and satisfactory one for Queen's College. All our social organisations are very vigorously alive and continue to play an important part in the existence of the school. The Old Boys' Association, under the Presidency of Sir Robert Ho Tung, still flourishes, and to its members we are grateful for numerous gifts of sports prizes and books. In particular to Mr. Ho Kwong for having again provided special prizes for Vernacular Composition; to Mr. Henry G. Leong for undertaking to provide annually special prizes for English Composition in Classes 1, 2, and 3; and to Messrs. E. E. and A. S. Ellis for making themselves responsible in the same way for special prizes offered in Classes 1 and 2 for mathematics.

I desire personally and on behalf of the school, to thank Your Excellency for honouring us by consenting to distribute the prizes; the visitors for their attendance—and to whom I feel I ought perhaps to apologise for having inflicted upon them so many dry-as-dust figures and details; those who have once more so generously contributed to our Prize Fund; and last, but by no means least, I wish to thank all members of the Staff for their unflinching loyalty and support, and for their unremitting efforts in work and games to cultivate and keep alive a proper spirit among our boys, and to train them in the traditions of the school.

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

This school is only in its infancy. It was founded just over a year ago under the patronage of the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, mainly on the initiative of Mr. J. S. Shak, a young Chinese teacher who is an old student of St. Joseph's College. All credit is due to Mr. Shak for the rapid progress the school has made during its brief existence. At the first annual distribution of prizes on Saturday, there were now just under 300 scholars, and the books. These are mostly young Chinese who journey great distances in their eagerness to obtain educational training on Western lines. Many of the scholars come from Tai Po, Sheung Shui, and Shaokwan which only goes to show that Chinese parents have at last realised the benefits derived by their children from a grounding in modern education.

Mr. Shak (the Headmaster) is ambitious in his new undertaking and in his annual report, mentioned that the present school premises at St. Joseph's Terrace were scarcely large enough for all his pupils. Consequently a branch school had been opened at No. 434, Elgin Street, and for the convenience of the boys in the Shaokwan district, he said, it was proposed to open a new branch school in that district early in the Chinese New Year distribution was largely attended and the scholars were entertained right royally to tea and cakes before the proceedings commenced. This was followed by a concert by the scholars and during this Mr. G. P. de Martin presented the prizes to the successful students.

BISHOP POZZONI.

HAS ANOTHER RELAPSE.

We regret to state that the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni's condition still gives cause for anxiety. On Friday evening his Lordship, who is now in the French Hospital, had another heart seizure, necessitating the injection of morphia. Yesterday we were informed that Bishop Pozzoni's condition showed signs of improving and that he had passed a restful night.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES AT THE CITY HALL.

St. Andrew's Hall houses for two days about three hundred watercolours by Japan's most celebrated modern artists. There are views, flowers, figures, in the futurist style. We find the impressionists trying to convince us that their pictures are a true impression of life, and in most cases they succeed. Messrs. Komor and Komor induced the Nippon Watercolour Society of Tokyo to display their pictures in Hongkong, and the collection now on view at the City Hall are well worth inspecting. Prices are marked in plain figures and considering the merits of the artists they are very low. For instance there is a picture by H. Nakazawa, (No. 14) "Myojima," the famous Inland Sea temple, which shows the strength of Nakazawa's colours. No. 292, "Indian head," by T. Hirai, is a very fine picture; the features are life-like and stand out very effectively under the red headbands. No. 65, "Kowloon City," by B. Maruyama, is a graceful sketch of the old fort; it has the colours and atmosphere to perfection. No. 84, "Sampan life," by K. Akagi, is a futuristic impression with vivid colours. The figures seem to move and the sky is perfect. No. 207, "Reflections," by I. Mizuno, has perfect perspective and the reflections in the water, which is the strength of this artist, are marvellously effective. No. 6, "Autumn Tints," by T. Isobe, is a Japanese country scene with house in the background remarkable for its mixture of colours and good drawing.

It is impossible to give a description of all the artistic exhibits, for certainly every picture in itself is a joy to look at. They are on view to-day and to-morrow. The exhibition, which is open for two days only, affords a rare opportunity to see the modern art of Japan.

THE ARMS SEIZURE ON

THE SS "BENDORAN."

CHINESE COOKS' SUSPICIOUS CONDUCT.

Two Chinese cooks of the a.s. Bendoran, upon which steamer a large quantity of arms were discovered the other day, were sentenced by the Marine Magistrate on Saturday to two months' with hard labour on a charge of dumping goods to prevent seizure.

The captain of the vessel said the men joined the ship on the recommendation of the chief cook.

In defence, the cooks stated they were ordered by the Chief Steward to drop a sack overboard. They did not know, they alleged, what was in it.

The Chief Steward denied giving such instructions.

It appears that as the a.s. Bendoran left Hongkong on Friday afternoon, one of the officers observed a motor-boat following and making signals. He then saw the two Chinese cooks carry a heavily-laden sack to the side and dump it overboard. The Captain immediately turned the ship about and informed the Water Police, who arrested the two cooks. Later the police came across some sampans dredging where the sack had been dumped.

The police are to be complimented upon their seizure of arms aboard the a.s. Bendoran, for it is understood that the Captain had suspicions throughout the trip that there were arms on board. At each port a search was conducted, but it was not until the vessel arrived in Hongkong that any firearms were discovered.

THE REPORTED PIRATICAL PLOT ON "HO SANG."

PIRATE GANG BELIEVED TO BE IN SINGAPORE.

The Straits Times of the 15th inst. has the following account of the discovery made at Singapore to which previous reference has been made in our news.

Yesterday Wong Fook arrived by the Ho Sang from China, and on disembarking he proceeded to the examination shed at Tanjong Pagar, where Mr. Listerman, Supervisor, Government Monopolies, examined his bag and clothes as well as some wooden tables and stools, made out of soft wood. The detective instinct of Mr. Listerman being aroused he became suspicious, and proceeded to make a careful examination and found later concealed in the harmless-looking furniture no fewer than 21 revolvers and pistols, fully loaded as well as some ammunition. Mr. Listerman arrested the accused, while the latter was in a hurry and took him before the Chief Police Officer. He was produced today before the third magistrate, who transferred the case to the Criminal District Court for trial.

The accused was later in the morning produced before Mr. P. A. F. David, before whom he was charged by Inspector King, Arms and Explosives Department, with importing, without permit, 21 revolvers and pistols, and the alternative charge of possession of same. He is also charged with importing, without permit, 124 rounds of ammunition, in the alternative with possession of same.

Accused pleaded guilty and said that he arrived by the steamer from Hongkong, his birthplace being Kowloon, also in British territory. Court Inspector Meredith said he presumed that the rest of the gang, presumably pirates from Hongkong, must be in Singapore, and he hoped that the last would be introduced. The accused had pleaded guilty and he would have the exhibits in Court on the following day for his Honour to see. If the case was postponed for five days he hoped that they would be able to trace the rest of the gang. He might mention that all credit was due to Mr. Listerman for discovering the whole affair, and for personally arresting the accused.

His Honour postponed the case for Monday, 21st instant, no bail being allowed.

It is presumed that the accused, is the leader of a gang of pirates who, it is believed, are in Singapore, and whose intentions were to attack an outgoing vessel from this port on her way to China.

THE RICE STRIKE AT

CANTON.

RELIEF SCHEMES.

The rice strike at Canton still continues and thousands of wharf coolies are stated to be idle, as rice dealers are not taking cargoes from the steamers. The rice shops, which usually get their supplies from the dealers, are now themselves clearing cargoes from steamers or godowns, but have to first get permission of the Labour Guild.

With a view to relieving the hardships caused by the present high price of rice, the Chamber of Commerce and the Charitable Institutions, the Canton Gazette says, propose to form a Committee to carry out the work of relief. It is proposed that the Committee shall import large shipments of rice and then sell them at a reasonable figure. Large funds are needed for the carrying out of the proposal, but nothing definite has been announced regarding the undertaking.

Workers in the different wholesale rice houses propose to create a number of "public selling stations" as a means of relieving the high price of rice. Thousands of bags of rice have been imported by the Labour Guild during the last few days. The first public selling station has been established and is selling rice at prices lower than that in the rice shops. However, this has not given very much relief to the situation as there is only one such station while the number of rice wholesale houses, which suspended business, number 300.

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R. H. R. WADE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [263]

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of the Late Mr. GEORGE BANKER are requested to send the Same to the Undersigned.
F. E. NASH,
Solicitor,
261] 10, Queen's Road Central.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 5.15 p.m.
PERCY SMITH, SETE & FLEMING,
Secretaries and Treasurers. [262]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [260]

G. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.O., Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock Noon on the Date stated, for the undermentioned Services for a Period of Twelve Months from 1st APRIL, 1924:—

Indian Supplies	15th February
General Supplies, R.	18th do.
Fuel	18th do.
Fresh or Frozen Meat	25th do.
and Live Goods	25th do.
Forage	25th do.
Barrack Services	25th do.
Transport Services	25th do.
Hospital Supplies	3rd March

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Daily, except Sundays. [259]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

ELLEMAN LINE.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF GLASGOW" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, 1924, will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th February, 1924, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [258]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
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Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [264]

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HO KOM TONG. [243]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from JANUARY 28th, 1924, Our Office will be REMOVED to CHINA BUILDING (Old Post Office Site) 1st FLOOR, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.
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Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [255]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st February to the 8th February (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924. [233]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 10 o'clock in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 12th January, to Monday, 25th January, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924. [195]

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.
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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

IT is proposed to hold the ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER on or about SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1924.
Will those desirous of attending kindly communicate with
L. B. BLACKING,
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Headmaster. [248]

TO LET.

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on MONDAY, the 1st FEBRUARY, 1924, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 10th January, 1924.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [242]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, at 3.00 p.m., SATURDAY, the 2ND FEBRUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from Monday, 21st January, to Saturday, 2nd February, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [203]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, DES VOUX ROAD, on FRIDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1924, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 12th January, to Friday, 1st February, 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1924. [179]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate No. 7741 (for One Hundred Shares Nos. 57861 to 57750 inclusive) in this Company, standing in the Name of Mr. GEORGE HOWARD MAY (deceased) has been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1924. [236]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 6/NS 7044 dated Hongkong 18th May, 1911, for 10 Shares numbered 84249, 84258 inclusive and Certificate Provisional No. 57/729 dated Hongkong 20th of February, 1924, for 3 Shares of this Bank numbered 12371/12372 inclusive, both registered in the Name of Mrs. ESTHER FANNY SELBY have been Destroyed by Fire, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 28th FEBRUARY, 1924, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued, and the said Certificates No. 6/NS 7044 and Provisional No. 57/729 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager. [240]

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to Mr. TANG KWAN SHAN, of 15, Arbuthnot Road, Hongkong, a DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE of 123 Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 3917 in respect of 100 Shares Nos. 19373/19383 and No. 3918 in respect of 23 Shares Nos. 19383/19392, both dated 15th April, 1921, have been Lost or Destroyed; AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the Date hereof no claim for representation in respect of such Original Certificates is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong.
26th January, 1924. [254]

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY (HONGKONG).

A DINNER will be held on MARCH 1st, 1924.
Will all Welsh People who wish for particulars please communicate at once as possible with
F. P. WILLIAMS,
c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
(Insurance Department). [244]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for Boxes—Y.L.

MATSHED.—Wanted to Buy or Rent A Matched set of Repulse Bay.—Apply Box D, c/o Daily Press. [6]

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HONGKONG, JANUARY 28TH, 1924.

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

As will be seen from this week's *Gazette*, the Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., has been returned unopposed to the Legislative Council for a further term of office as the representative of the Unofficial Justices of the Peace. This well-deserved compliment has again been paid to the hon. gentleman not because others are unwilling to accept the office, but because it is felt that Mr. POLLOCK's long and faithful services to the public are entitled to the fullest recognition that it is in the power of the community to give them. Mr. POLLOCK's services on the Council have now extended over a period of more than a quarter of a century. In the capacity of Attorney-General for nearly three years between 1898 and 1901 he was a member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils. He was first elected a member of the Legislature by the Chamber of Commerce in 1903. Some two years later—in December, 1905—he was chosen by his present constituents, who have remained faithful to him ever since, partly, we believe, because they realise the advantage of having a trained legal mind to scrutinise proposed legislation, and partly—and, perhaps, chiefly—because Mr. POLLOCK has displayed such disinterestedness and sterling honesty of character. He must now be one of the oldest residents of the Colony, for he was admitted to practice here in April, 1888, now thirty-six years ago. From September of that year he acted for six months as a Police Magistrate, and for six months in 1892 as Puisne Judge. After that, as already mentioned, he discharged the duties of Attorney-General for three years, and, again, recently he served in the same capacity for the better part of a year during the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel for the Colony in 1900, and received a gold medal for his services in the Plague Epidemic in 1894. From March, 1903, to February, 1906, he was a member of the Sanitary Board; during the war he was appointed to sit on the Appeal Tribunal;

and during the past year he devoted a great deal of time and attention to the affairs of the Housing Commission over which he presided, and has further added to his public services during the past year by serving again as a member of the Executive Council. In many other directions—for example, as President of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, Chess Club, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Constitutional Reform Association, as Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, as Secretary of the Old Volumes Society, and as corresponding secretary to the Royal Colonial Institute—Mr. POLLOCK has placed his time and abilities unreservedly at the disposal of all sections of the community. In short, he has set an example of public service which is rare in tropical dependencies of the Crown, where the overruling climate and the calls of business and social life suffice to exhaust the energies of most Europeans.

DETERRENT SENTENCES.

THEY have a very summary and effective method at Canton of dealing with armed robbers. Two men who attempted to commit an armed robbery in a house at Canton last week were ordered by the Police Commissioner to be shot. Before the sentence was carried out the two miscreants were paraded through the streets of Saikwan and their fate proclaimed as a warning to evil doers. If we could deal with this type of ruffian in Hongkong in the same way, we should doubtless have fewer crimes of this character here. But British law allows no man's life to be taken except for the crime of murder, and since it is under British law that Chinese subjects are tried and punished in Hongkong, the public have observed with great satisfaction that the Judges at the Criminal Sessions are showing no hesitation to impose on desperate criminals of this type the full measure of punishment that the law allows. In a case at the recent sessions the Chief Justice imposed a sentence of life imprisonment on one ruffian who had ruthlessly hacked at a sleeping man with an axe, and, on his own admission, had assaulted the man's wife and daughter, apparently with the same instrument, the motive of the crime being, apparently, robbery. In another case the Chief Justice sentenced an armed robber to seventeen years' imprisonment and twenty strokes of "the cat." Mr. Justice GOMPERTZ, who tried several cases of lesser villainy by armed robbers, imposed sentences of ten, five and three years' imprisonment, and in one case ordered the "cat" in addition. In another case, where the indictment was one of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, a sentence of six years was given, and in yet another case in which the man simply had unlawfully in his possession a dagger, a sentence of twelve months was imposed. We hope the publicity given to these sentences will have the deterrent effect they are intended to have, but when we see how Canton deals with criminals of this type we are inclined to regret, at least, that publicity is not assisted nowadays in this Colony by the old-time methods of the cage and the stocks. We are not told that the two armed robbers who were shot at Canton last week wore the cage when they were paraded through the streets, but it is clear the authorities were not content to rely entirely for the general deterrent effect of the sentence on such publicity as was given to the case by the vernacular Press.

President Tano is said to have quarrelled with his powerful brother Tsao Jui.

The houses in Nathan Road, Kowloon, have been renumbered by the Government Assessor.

The re-appointment of the Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., as an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council is gazetted.

His Excellency Mr. J. Michelet, Norwegian Minister in Peking, and Mrs. Michelet left for Home by the P. & O. s.s. *Macdonia*.

Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will give a Lantern Lecture at the Helena May Institute to-day (Monday), January 28th, at 5.30 p.m., on "Peking"—Appt.

Japanese vessels in Hongkong Harbour were duly decorated on Saturday in celebration of the wedding of H.I.H. Prince Hirohito, Regent and Heir to the Japanese Throne, and Princess Nagako.

In the U.S. Commissioner's Court for China at Shanghai last week Mr. N. E. Lurton bound over J. Elmont and C. Johnson to the Higher Court for alleged assault on French constables at New Maxim's Cafe on January 1st.

Mr. M. J. Breen, who has recently returned from leave, has been appointed Administrator for the purposes of the Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Order, 1921; Custodian of Enemy Property, and Controller of the Local Clearing Office.

Mr. W. A. H. Moule, headmaster of the Anglo-Chinese School at Shanghai, is shortly retiring, after 33 years' service.

Among the passengers who left by the P. & O. *Macdonia* on Saturday were Mr. Denman Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Buckland, the Rev. and Mrs. G. E. S. Updell, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stark, Mrs. A. K. Henderson, and Mrs. S. H. Ross.

A *Government Gazette Extraordinary* was issued on Saturday to announce that His Majesty the King has been pleased to entrust the Seals of the Colonial Department to the Right Honourable James Henry Thomas, M.P., as one of the Principal Secretaries of State.

A wireless message received by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., charterers of the Swedish steamer *Salem*, states that the vessel got on a mud bank near Canton and was boarded by pirates. No further particulars are to hand. The *Salem* is expected to reach Hongkong to-day.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has instructed the high military commanders to go to the East Front to personally direct the military campaign there. As the Generalissimo will establish his Constructive Government in Canton soon and then send an Expeditionary force north, says a Canton contemporary, he is anxious to have the campaign in the East River terminated as quickly as possible.

One of the proprietors of the Tung Tin Restaurant, No. 508, Queen's Road West, was awakened on Friday night by a Chinese watchman, employed at the establishment, fumbling in his pockets. When he attempted to raise the alarm the watchman is alleged to have rubbed pepper in his eyes and then disappeared. It is thought that the watchman was after the key of the safe which contained a large sum of money.

The s.s. *Cheung Shau*, which has just arrived here, reports that whilst running from Bangkok to Hoihow a Chinese passenger attacked a relative of the commander with an axe. The assailant then jumped overboard, but was picked up soon afterwards in an exhausted condition. The injured man, who was in his bunk at the time of the assault, was left at Hoihow. The attacker has been handed over to the local police.

St. George's Building, the large block of offices facing the Star Ferry Pier, has been placed for business purposes, has been purchased by Messrs. J. S. T. Jones and Co., acting as general managers of the Hongkong and Territorial Estates, Ltd. The deal with the Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd., was completed a few days ago. It is reported that St. George's Building will be re-christened *Ke Chong Hong*.

We notice that notification is made that the Ordinance amending the Rents Ordinance "has not been disallowed" by H.M. The King is just gazetted. This is Ordinance No. 8 of 1923, but as His Majesty's approval of Ordinances No. 23 and 27 are announced in the same notification, it is to be presumed that His Majesty's advisers were unable very readily to advise His Majesty not to exercise his power of disallowance.

Mr. L. D. Martyn, an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department, met with a nasty accident on Friday afternoon. It appears that he was riding in a taxi, which collided at the junction of Park Road and Bonham Road with a motor-car, driven by Mr. Li Shui-ho, a student of No. 2, Caldwell Road. Mr. Martyn was thrown forward by the impact and his head came in contact with the wind screen. He was severely cut about the face and head by the splintered glass, and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

THE HON. MR. KOTEWELL ENTERTAINED.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AT THE YEE WOO RESTAURANT.

On Saturday evening about 150 of the leading members of the Chinese community entertained the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewell to a dinner at the Yee Wo Restaurant, to celebrate the confirmation by H.M. The King of his appointment to the Legislative Council.

Amongst those present were: the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Liang Shih Yi (ex-Premier of China), Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Chow Siu Ki, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. M. K. Lo, and many others including the members of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee, the Po Leung Kuk Committee, and the District Watchmen's Committee.

The proceedings were presided over by Mr. Li Po Kwal, who, on behalf of those present, tendered congratulations to Mr. Kotewell, saying that the good work done by Mr. Kotewell during the short time that he had been a member of the Legislature, fully justified the Government's appointment.

Mr. Kotewell suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him by this representative gathering of the Chinese community.

NEW YEAR SETTLEMENT AT CANTON.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS RAISING A LOAN.

In order to raise sufficient money to tide over the Chinese New Year, which is a period to which accounts among the local merchants, the General Headquarters, says the *Canton Gazette*, is negotiating a loan from the Chamber of Commerce of Canton and the Nine Charitable Institutions. General Liu Shao, Chief Secretary of Interior of the General Headquarters, will find reliable securities for these loans, according to a report. The loan from the Chamber will be \$300,000, and that from the Charitable Institutions will be \$200,000.

GERMAN SEPARATIST LEADER ASSASSINATED.

BOLSHEVIKS PROMOTING REVOLU- TION IN BENGAL.

IMPERIAL MARRIAGE IN JAPAN.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO ATTEND LENIN'S FUNERAL.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SEPARATIST LEADER ASSASSINATED.

HIT BY EIGHT BULLETS.

COLOGNE, January 26th.
The Separatist leader, Schlich, was shot dead while returning from a propagandist meeting at Adenau. He was hit by eight bullets.

Schlich constituted himself Governor of the district during the recent Separatist regime and issued seven trillion marks of worthless currency, called 'Schlichgeld', which he forced the peasants to accept.

REVOLUTIONARY PLOTS IN BENGAL.

COMMUNISTS SUPPLYING MONEY AND ARMS.

CALCUTTA, January 26th.
Despite Government opposition, the Bengal Legislature carried, by 78 votes to 42, a Swarajist resolution urging the release of seventeen men detained without trial.

Sir Charles J. Stephenson said that the existence of a revolutionary conspiracy proved that ordinary law was unavailing. The Government was aware that the Revolutionaries had established centres in various parts of the province in the guise of philanthropic organisations. Some leaders of the movement were in touch with agents of the Third Moscow International, who supplied money and arms. The Revolutionaries possessed weapons and ammunition which were untraceable in India. The existence of a definite plot to assassinate police officers was discovered last year, and the Government considered action imperative.

A public meeting of Indians, held this evening, passed a resolution condemning the murder of Mr. Ernest Day who was shot in mistake for a high police official by a Bengalee on January 12th.

STABILISATION OF THE FRANCO.

HOT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ANTICIPATED.

PARIS, January 26th.
The Chamber of Deputies began a debate on the Government's proposals to strengthen the franc. The debate is expected to last ten days as the proposals will be hotly fought by the Left Bloc, in the hope of overthrowing the Government, but the latter's defeat is unlikely.

A Government representative declared that the proposals, at the outside, would mean an increase of four per cent. in the cost of living.

It is expected that M. Poincare will endeavour to close the general discussion to-day in order to make room for a detailed discussion.

REASONS ASCRIBED FOR FALL OF FRANC.

PARIS, January 26th.
In the resumed debate on the Government's financial proposals the Socialists attributed the fall of the franc to the Government's foreign policy.

M. Poincare asserted that an organised campaign existed against the franc with the view of discrediting French policy, which he proceeded to firmly defend.

M. Herriot, the Radical-Socialist leader, declared that the recent heavy fall was due to British Conservatives selling sterling and francs to buy dollars. He declared that a Dutch bank bought \$1,000,000 with francs.

The closure was adopted without opposition. There will be a further debate on Monday.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ON L.O.N.

LONDON, January 26th.
It has now been decided that Lord Parmoor will be the British delegate to the League of Nations in place of Lord Robert Cecil. He will have a room at the Foreign Office.

NEW DUTCH TRADING CO.

THE HAGUE, January 26th.
A new company has been registered under the title of the Netherlands Acceptance Company, with a capital of five million florins.

The object of the company is the financing of commercial transactions and the granting of trade credits, especially between Holland and foreign countries.

The Netherlands Trading Company and the Rotterdam Bank are connected with the venture, which is regarded as the foundation for a big international corporation in which English, German and perhaps Swiss banking interests will also participate.

LATEST CABLES.

THE WORLD OF SPORT THE OLYMPIAD.

TEN NATIONS REPRESENTED.

CHAMONIX, January 26th.
The contests at the Winter Sports section of the eighth Olympiad were run off in fine weather, twenty-seven competitors, representing ten nations taking part.

The 500 metres speed skating was won by the American, Jewtraw (time, 41 seconds); Oedsen, Norway, was second. The 5,000 metres was won by Thurberg, Finland, in 38 mins. 38 secs.; Skutnabb, Finland, was second.

Classification of the leading nations at the end of the day was as follows:—

NATIONS	POINTS
Finland	204
Norway	173
United States	11

The 1,500 and 10,000 metres races will be run off to-morrow.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 26th.
Sarazen was two up on Havers in the morning round of eighteen holes of the seventy-two hole match to be played here and at Los Angeles.

Sarazen was often in trouble, but was saved by his putting. (Reuter's American Service).

SAN FRANCISCO, January 26th.
Sarazen beat Havers over the thirty-six holes by five and three. In the medal score, Sarazen was 151 and Havers 153.

It was raining heavily throughout the games. Most of the greens were like duck ponds, compelling the players several times to discard putters and use mashes.

Havers' downfall was due to the greens. He was either short or over, while Sarazen was usually well up.

Havers halved the thirty-fourth and won the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth, making Sarazen three up.

INTERNATIONAL "RUGGER."

IRELAND DEFEAT FRANCE.

DUBLIN, January 26th.
In the international "Rugger" match Ireland beat France by 6 to 0.

There were 18,000 people present.

A ROUGH GAME.

The Frenchmen kicked off against a strong wind and for a time their forwards operated vigorously in the Irish half. Soon, however, Ireland asserted themselves, and for the remainder of the half they were mostly pressing, but the backs were unable to drive home the advantages secured by the magnificent work of the forwards.

Ireland were awarded several free kicks within reasonable distance, Crawford failing to add the finishing touches.

Towards the interval G. Stephenson scored a try but Atkins failed to convert. At half-time the score was: Ireland 3, France 0.

French efforts in the second half were extremely vigorous. At times the exchanges were very rough and injuries were frequent.

In stopping an Irish rush Crabbs, the French skipper was hurt and carried off the field. Then, with seven minutes to go, Atkins scored a try which was not converted.

The game ended with Ireland leading by six points to nil.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON, January 26th.
Following are the results of to-day's Association (First-League) matches:—

Aston Villa, 1; Bolton W., 0.
Burnley, 4; West Brom A., 0.
Cardiff City, 4; Arsenal, 0.
Chelsea, 0; Huddersfield T., 1.
Liverpool, 0; Manchester C., 0.
Middlesbrough, 1; Everton, 1.
Newcastle U., 2; Tottenham H., 2.
Nottingham F., 1; Birmingham, 1.
Preston N.E., 3; Notts County, 1.
Sheffield U., 1; Sunderland, 1.
West Ham U., 0; Blackburn R., 1.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRANCO-CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN PACT.

TO UPHOLD THE PEACE TREATIES.

PARIS, January 25th.
The Franco-Czecho-Slovakian Treaty has been signed.

The two countries proclaim their respect for international engagements, and in firm desire for the maintenance of peace in Europe and fidelity to obligations as defined in the peace treaties. They declare they are ready to take concerted action on external questions likely to endanger their security and agree regarding the measures to be taken in the event of peril. They affirm their adherence to the political principles contained in Article 88 of the Treaty of Saint Germain, and their desire to adopt a common policy against any attempt to restore the Hohenzollern or Hapsburgs.

TAXES IN DUTCH INDIES.

EXPORT DUTY ON OIL REPEALED.

THE HAGUE, January 25th.
The Lower House has adopted by 52 to 13 votes a Bill retaining the tax on agricultural produce in the Dutch East Indies. Introducing a tax on oil, the Minister for the Colonies said the oil tax would not be extended beyond 1924, even if the revision of the fiscal legislation of the Indies be unfinished before January, 1925. The House carried without division a Bill repealing the export duty on oil.

ITALIAN ELECTIONS.

ROME, January 25th.
A decree has been published dissolving Parliament and fixing the elections for April 6th.

UNDER LABOUR RULE.

GROWING CONFIDENCE IN POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

LONDON, January 25th.
The Stock Exchange is strong under the lead of gilt-edged securities. There is growing confidence in the political outlook, together with the speeches of the chairmen at meetings of the leading banks. Buying is emanating from London and the provinces. Consols are now 36½, whilst War Loan is quoted at 100.

A MISSION TO RUSSIA.

It is stated that the Government is immediately sending a mission to Moscow, headed by Mr. O'Grady, to arrange for the resumption of full diplomatic relations.

SOUND ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDIA.

The full text of the message by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, published in the *Times*, has been received by Reuter. It is dated the 6th inst, and emphasises the conviction that progress, if it is to be well-rooted, can only be carried on constitutionally. He can see no hope in India if it becomes the arena of a struggle between Constitutionalism and Revolution.

SOUTH AFRICA.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S REVIEW OF CONDITIONS.

CAPETOWN, January 25th.
There were brilliant scenes at the opening of Parliament. The new Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, in a speech said that while conditions were generally improving, the farmers in considerable areas were suffering severely from the long-continued drought and invasions by locusts on a scale unknown in recent times. Unemployment was happily diminishing. Railway construction proposals included the electrification of certain lines in Natal and the Cape Province and the building of a line in North Zululand in order to open up a large tract where cotton-growing was successfully proceeding.

EAST AFRICA.

JAPANESE COMPETITION.

LONDON, January 25th.
Reporting on the trade of East Africa, the British Trade Commissioner warns that while conditions were generally improving, the farmers in considerable areas were suffering severely from the long-continued drought and invasions by locusts on a scale unknown in recent times. Unemployment was happily diminishing. Railway construction proposals included the electrification of certain lines in Natal and the Cape Province and the building of a line in North Zululand in order to open up a large tract where cotton-growing was successfully proceeding.

INDIA.

SUGGESTED BOYCOTT OF EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

DELHI, January 25th.
Mr. Patel, a Swarajist, has given notice of a series of resolutions in the Assembly urging on the Government a boycott of British Empire goods and the imposition of an extra fifteen per cent. tariff on Empire goods as a protest against the treatment of Indians overseas.

AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON MAY VISIT JAPAN.

SYDNEY, January 25th.
Referring to the Japanese Admiral's suggestion, Mr. Bowden said it was possible for an Australian squadron to visit Japan in 1924, but he would ask the Cabinet to send a squadron in 1925.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TWO FATAL MINE EXPLOSIONS.

WEST FRANKFORT, January 26th.
WEST FRANKFORT, Illinois, Jan. 26th.
Thirty-seven people were killed in a coal mine explosion and thirty others are entrapped in the burning mine.

SHANK TOWN, Pennsylvania, Jan. 26th.
A terrific explosion wrecked both entrances to the Lancashire coal mine. It is estimated that forty men are entombed.

U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIETS.

WASHINGTON, January 26th.
Great Britain's recognition of Russia will, in Mr. Coolidge's opinion, have less bearing on the United States attitude towards Russia than the investigation of the question of Soviet recognition which the Senate Foreign Committee is conducting.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES LEAVES AMERICA.

ASKED TO INTERPRET LIQUOR TREATY CLAUSE.

NEW YORK, January 25th.
Sir Auckland Geddes, prior to his departure for England to-day, expressed satisfaction at leaving a "clean slate at the Embassy."

Replying to a request that he should interpret the clause in the Liquor Treaty "hour's steaming distance from American shores," he said that one should be enabled to tell by the speed of the boat engine. If any doubt existed tests could be made and averages struck.

Sir Auckland Geddes was the recipient of unusual honours. As the *Aquitania* steamed down the Bay soldiers fired a salute of twenty-one guns. Sir Auckland Geddes in the meanwhile standing at attention.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER MERGER.

NEW YORK, January 26th.
Mr. Frank Munsey has bought the *Evening Mail*. It is reported that the price paid is something over \$2,000,000. The *Evening Mail* will be merged with the *Evening Telegram*.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

IMPERIAL MARRIAGE IN JAPAN. THE CEREMONY DESCRIBED.

TOKYO, January 26th.
The marriage of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince Hiro Hito and the Princess Nagako took place to-day.

A salute of one hundred and one guns, fired from the battery in the centre of the city at 10.15 this morning, announced the conclusion of the main ceremony. The marriage took place within the Chiyoda Imperial Palace. The salute was taken up by warships lying in Shingawa Bay, Yokohama, and other ports of the empire.

The Capital city was awakened by aerial bombs. Soon afterwards hundreds and thousands of people filled every available point along the route of the procession to and from the palace. The entire route was lined by soldiery and police but nowhere was there any evidence of disorder.

The Regent left the palace at nine o'clock and proceeded to Chiyoda Palace, receiving *benwa* and every evidence of deep respect. He reached the palace very shortly before the Princess who was accompanied by Iriye and a large number of attendants. Before their arrival the members of the Imperial Family, with the exception of the Emperor and Empress—the former being ill at Umuza—gathered at the palace; also some seven hundred court officials and nobles.

The ceremony took place in the outer and inner ancestral shrines, where Prince Kijiro, Acting Master of Rites, read the Shinto scripture. The Prince and Princess rendered homage to the shrines and the ceremony closed with the passing of the sacred wine cup by the ritualist, first to the Prince and then to the Princess.

On leaving the Palace the Imperial couple occupied the same State carriage which was followed by a long line of motor cars occupied by court officials. The procession passed, in brilliant sunshine, through masses of cheering and bowing crowds, to Akasaka Palace where this afternoon a reception was given to officials. This was followed by a banquet, the last act of which was the exchange of the wine cup between the bride and groom.

An amnesty has been proclaimed which includes thousands of prisoners, even the most desperate getting a reduction of their terms.

It is expected that a number of promotions will be announced shortly. It is understood that Baron Makino retired as Minister of the Household and may be succeeded by Baron Chinda.

DEPARTURE FOR NUMAZU.

TOKYO, January 27th.
The Prince and Princess departed for Numazu at 10.15 this morning by special train to pay their respects to the Emperor and Empress.

Traffic was suspended and along the line soldiers were stationed on either side two hundred yards apart.

A spectacular reception is planned at Numazu where the couple will spend the night, returning on Monday.

(Continued on next column.)

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

OTTAWA, January 26th.
Official figures of immigration to Canada for the nine months ending December 31st showed a total of 124,680, an increase of 107 per cent. compared with the previous corresponding period.

Immigrants from Great Britain numbered 64,127 an increase of 125 per cent. Immigrants from the United States numbered 17,292, compared with 15,892 last year.

CANADIAN PULP PAPER PRODUCTION.

MONTREAL, January 26th.
The Minister of Commerce, addressing the Canadian Pulp Paper Association, declared that this year would see Canada the world's greatest news print producer, exceeding news print production in the United States. Capital investment in the industry in Canada amounted to nearly \$400,000,000. The total net annual production was over \$150,000,000 (1) and the total number of employes was 28,000.

U.S. OIL RESERVES.

TESTIMONY ELECTRIFIES CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, January 26th.
Mr. Doheny's testimony in the Senate has electrified the capital. There was an echo in the House of Representatives to-day, when the Naval Committee asked Rear-Admiral Gregory to produce the leases in the oil reserve in order to discover how the Government were using the royalties.

Mr. Fall, who arrived from New Orleans yesterday, appears before the Committee on Monday, when he will be asked to explain the differences between his former testimony and Mr. Doheny's statements.

EARLIER CABLES.

AMERICA'S "BE PREPARED" POLICY.

THE PANAMA DEFENCES.

COLON, January 25th.
The empire's report on the recent naval manoeuvres asserts that the Panama Canal is at present open to attack by aircraft bombardment and naval raids, and recommends increased elevation for the long-range guns on the older battleships, the increase of the coast defences and shore batteries, the strengthening of the aircraft and anti-aircraft forces, and the construction of longitudinal and latitudinal roads for the garrison.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, January 26th.
The Premier conveyed, through the Japanese Ambassador, a message of goodwill and congratulation on behalf of the British Government and people to the Prince Regent of Japan on the occasion of his marriage.

VISCOUNT YOSHIMICHI HASEGAWA DEAD.

TOKYO, January 27th.
Field-Marshal Viscount Yoshimichi Hasegawa, the senior military member of the Genro, has died, after an illness extending over a fortnight. He was seventy-five years of age.

PHILIPPINE UNREST.

COLORUMS AND POLICE CLASH.

MANILA, January 26th.
Fifty-four Colorums were killed, nineteen wounded and thirteen captured in a clash with the constabulary on the mainland at Surigao near Placer on January 25th.

Senator Clarin (Coloretista) scored off Governor General Wood last night in the Legislature, for ordering an attack on the Colorums and also for ordering a town to be burned on Bucas Island.

CHINA'S SALT REVENUE.

CANTON - GOVERNMENT'S ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY ACTION.

PEKING, January 25th.

All obligations secured on the Salt revenue have been fully met, and the surplus funds released to the Government amounted to \$71,500,000 (including \$12,500,000 received from the Maritime Customs). Of this sum \$30,807,000 represents sums either appropriated by the provincial authorities and military commanders. These retentions cannot be compared with the amount of \$31,683,000 retained during 1922, as the sum of \$30,807,000, representing local retention in 1923 does not include the full amount of revenue retained during the year by the Kwangtung local authorities, whose illegal and arbitrary action, in direct violation of the Reorganisation Law, and in spite of protests from the Consul-General at Canton, compelled the Chief Inspectors to close local salt districts under the Inspectors from the end of June until the middle of September.

From information received, it appears that the revenue collected at Canton by the local authorities since May, 1923, to the end of the year amounted to \$2,828,000, compared with the collection amounting to \$3,629,000 during the same period, when the Canton District Inspectorate was functioning.

The reserve in the Group Banks was maintained during the year at \$7,000,000.

BANDITS RELEASE OIL JUNKS.

PEKING, January 25th.

Four oil junks belonging to Messrs. Gillespie & Co., Hankow, which were seized by bandits and held to ransom for \$16,000, were released, arriving at Kweichow on the 16th inst.

HARBIN OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

HARBIN, January 25th.

Several sensational arrests were recently effected among the officials at Harbin by the police, at the instigation of the higher Chinese authorities, as the result of a raid during a raid at the Hotel Asia in search for opium alleged to be concealed there.

Apart from a large quantity of opium, General Wang, the Chief of Police, took possession of books proving conclusively that the officials had been indulging in corrupt practices, and had been receiving bribes from the proprietors of gambling dens.

More sensational arrests are reported likely.

SINO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, January 25th.

The early opening of Sino-Russian negotiations is anticipated owing to a report that Mr. C. T. Wang has telegraphically advised the Manchurian delegates, who have been appointed to watch the proceedings, that they should reach Peking on February 2nd.

WANG KEE MING.

PEKING, January 25th.

It is understood that the House of Representatives has dropped the impeachment of Wang Khee-ming.

In official circles opinion is divided whether this development is the outcome of the favourable impression created by Sun Pao-chi's statement regarding the gold franc question, or is due to members' anxiety to receive their salaries before the New Year.

The United States Consul-General Dr. Witt C. Poole at Tientsin, states that the slaughter of mother goats for antimony kids, so as to obtain their skins has gone on to such an extent as to seriously affect supplies in this part of China for some years to come.

A number of applicants having come forward desiring to learn Cantonese, the Chamber of Commerce announces that if a few more names are sent in a New Class for Beginners will be started directly after China New Year. Under the able direction of the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., LL.D., the School is usually successful in imparting a knowledge of Cantonese sufficient for business purposes within a period of 18 months, and there have been cases in which students have passed the examination in 10 months.

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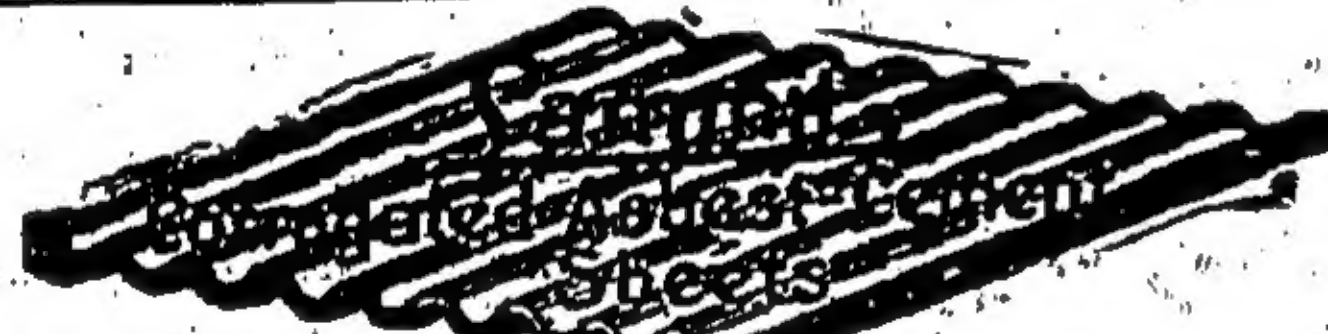
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Per P. & O. s.s. *Karmala*, on January 28th:—Surge-Lieut. Murdock Brown, R.N., Mr. W. S. Cuff, Mr. H. R. Clark, Mr. D. S. Edward, Mr. F. Grady, Mr. P. D. and Mrs. Hartfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Krohn, Mr. L. H. Kearns, Mr. A. Lind, Mr. J. G. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. W. and Mrs. Osborne, Miss M. Pritchard, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Mr. E. H. Williams.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Kakuga Maru*, on Jan. 28th:—Mr. G. L. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Kooyip, Mr. S. Tomomatsu, Mr. Soei Matsushima, Mr. R. Shiojiri and Mr. G. Uematsu.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*, on January 28th:—Mrs. E. C. Wray, Dr. D. Muir, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Clemes, Miss O. Clemes, Sub-Lt. E. M. Hutton, Sub-Lt. A. H. Wallis, Mr. L. Williams, Mr. C. E. Watkins, Sub-Lt. E. B. C. Holmes, Mr. J. Rodehaver, Mr. A. Onderzyer, Mrs. R. Schipper, Miss A. Schipper, Mrs. R. S. Koshida, Mr. M. J. Patel, Mr. J. T. Harding, Mrs. Harker, Mr. W. J. R. Miss A. Michele, Miss S. Michele, Mr. and Mrs. D. Maier, Miss C. Knecker, Mrs. G. C. Deham, Mr. H. L. Griffiths, Mrs. C. R. Bull, Mr. E. C. Umrigar, Mrs. M. Shipp, Mr. and Mrs. K. Veith, Misses Veith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sandheim, Mr. de Twonick, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fletcher, Sir Derrick W. J. Watson, Mrs. E. B. Aris, Misses Aris, Mrs. O. Jourdain, Mrs. B. R. Staley, Miss Staley, Mrs. J. Richards, Miss J. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Peterson, Miss E. E. Whitehead, Sub-Lt. G. A. Martell, Sub-Lt. G. W. Yale, Sub-Lt. W. W. R. Sub-Lt. Sub-Lt. W. A. Lindsay-Watson, Sub-Lt. S. W. Roskill, Mr. and Mrs. R. Buckland, Mrs. H. B. Sutherland, Mrs. West, Miss West, Mrs. J. M. Dronfield, Mrs. H. Baker, Mrs. E. H. Hulme, Mr. B. W. Boxmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cantale, Mr. A. Allen, Capt. and Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. A. K. Henderson, Mr. A. Cahn, Mr. E. R. Sturt, Dr. E. D. Jackson, Mr. S. Jannatal, Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Turnbull, Capt. and Mrs. F. H. Kilgarriff, Mr. J. W. Bealey, Mrs. S. H. Ross, Miss I. E. M. Murphy, Comdr. J. H. Hocken, R.N., Mr. John Fox, the Hon. Andrew Shirley, Mrs. F. Ambrose, Misses A. and W. Ambrose, Mr. L. Gilmore, Mrs. B. M. Reynolds, Mr. D. Cayless, Miss Mehan, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. F. J. Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pinnegan, Sub-Lt. B. J. de St. Croix, Miss Webb, Mrs. J. Maycock, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lamerton, Sub-Lt. H. Lamerton, Mr. J. M. Dalgarno, Mr. A. Barnham, Miss E. Murphy, Mrs. Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Strong, Miss R. Strong, Mr. G. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stark, Mrs. F. Thompson, Col. and Mrs. Webb C. Hayes, Mr. G. F. Gardner, Mr. J. L. Simpson, Mr. J. E. Dawson, Mrs. R. D. Habersham, Miss Harker, Mr. F. Hawke, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. S. Updell, Mrs. Sydney Holmes, Miss Sydney Holmes, Mr. L. E. O'Leary, Mr. L. Mitchell, Mr. E. O'Leary, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Lively, Mrs. L. M. Avenell, Miss D. L. Avenell, Mr. B. W. Ford, Mr. W. Patterson, Mr. C. Stark, Mr. K. Hoosenally, Mr. M. Daud, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. M. Hadley, Mr. V. A. Appad, Mr. A. E. Adams, Miss M. Adams, Mr. R. P. Hadden, Mr. T. Meek, Mr. C. Uttamul, Mr. D. Staples, Mr. G. Abdolkarim, Miss E. Bolton, Mr. K. Ved, Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. Denman Fuller, Mrs. J. Watumal, Miss G. Watumal, Mr. J. Huddleston, Mr. J. Watumal, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Watson, Mr. K. Mulchand, Miss L. Grand, Mr. H. Hotchand, Mr. J. Abraham, Mr. J. Adam, Miss V. Hemming, Mr. F. N. Litram, and Mr. F. Schweitzer.

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Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 27th January, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.61 inches, against an average of 1.14 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Jan. 28th is as follows:-

Direction: Force: Forecast

Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong

Hongkong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, drizzle

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook ... do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 27th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
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Barometer	30.18	30.18	30.17
Temperature	55	55	55
Humidity	95	75	85
Wind direction	E.N.E.	E	N
Force	5	5	1
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Rain	0.15	0.00	0.19

Highest open-air Temperature on 27th ... 57

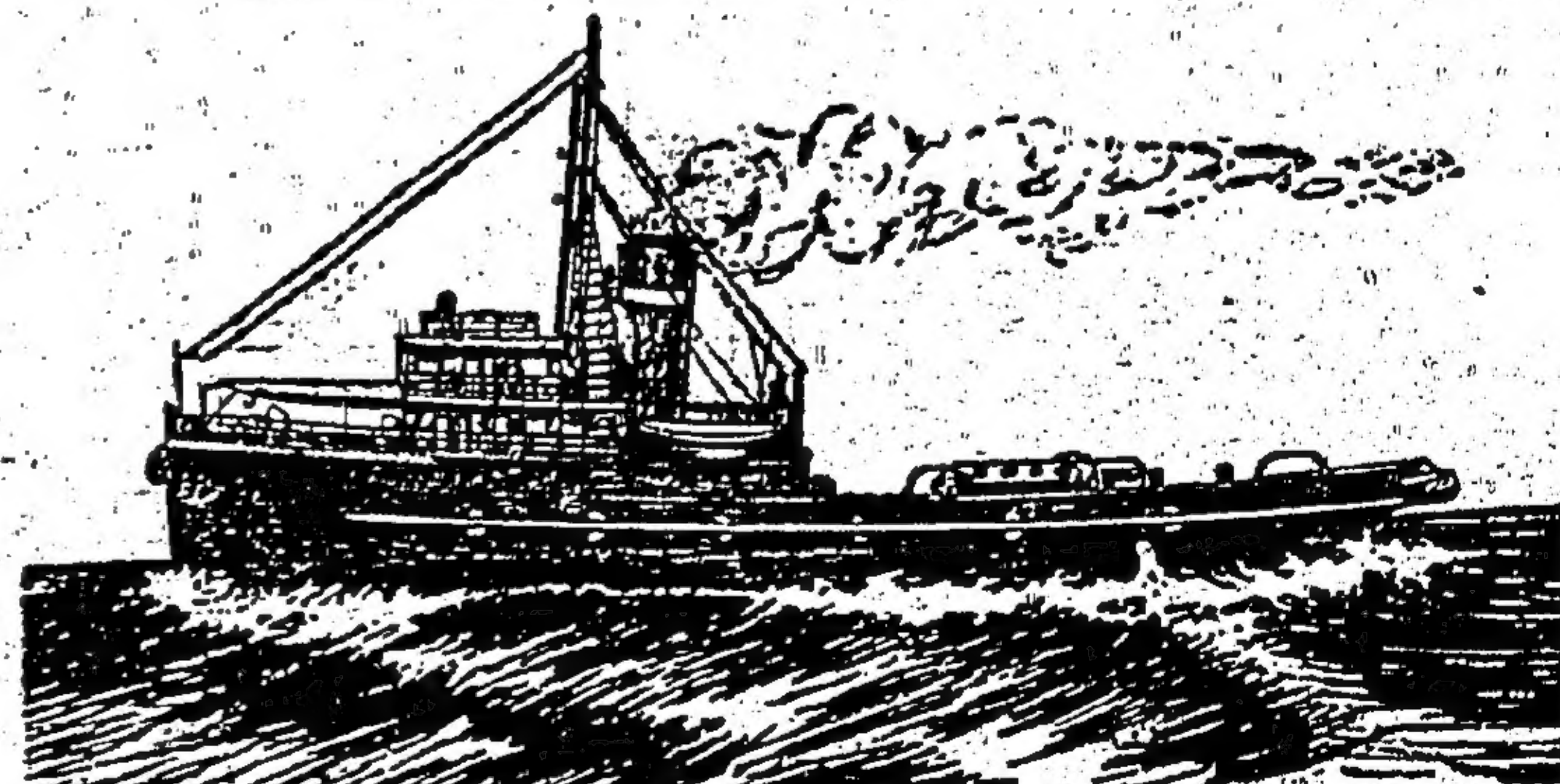
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

January 25th.
Bangor Maru No. 15 Japanese str., 1,008 tons, Capt. T. Hayashi, from Kowloon wharf, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Y.K.K.
Chunshing, British str., 1,190 tons, Capt. C. R. More, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—J. M. & Co.
Albatross, Portuguese str., 410 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Salkong wharf.—Kwang O S.S. Co.
Hydrant, British str., 361 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chin On wharf.—Chin On S.S. Co.
Produce, Norwegian str., 710 tons, Capt. E. Winnes, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Kawston & Co.
Swatow, Chinese str., 1,108 tons, Capt. R. Miyakawa, from Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Yue Tai Hong.
Sunghai Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—N.Y.K.
Tanaka, British str., 2,150 tons, Capt. D. J. McGowan, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Toku Maru, Japanese str., 2,207 tons, Capt. J. Mikuni, from Hongkong, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B24.—M.R.K.
January 26th.
Canlon Maru, Japanese str., 1,539 tons, Capt. Kakami, from Quangan and Hoilow, with a cargo of lime stone, lying at Kowloon Bay.—Y.K.K.
Chungin, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B1.
Chihli, British str., 1,141 tons, Capt. J. Tinsor, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.
Chipsing, British str., from Canton, lying at Kowloon Bay.
City of Glasgow, British str., 3,405 tons, Capt. Hill, from Bremen and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—Bank Line.
Edgfield, American str., 3,511 tons, Capt. A. C. Iversen, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B23.—P. M. S.S. Co.
Hongkong, British str., 1,524 tons, Capt. A. Mackenzie, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—Seng Soon Hong.
Karuma, British str., 3,687 tons, Capt. G. E. Butler, from London, which port she left on December 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Wingon, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. C23.
Sunghai Maru, Japanese str., 2,310 tons, Capt. Yanagita, from Miki, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B30.—M.R.K.
Shimo Maru, Japanese str., 3,681 tons, Capt. M. Jiri, from San Francisco and Shanghai, the latter port she left on January 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—T.K.K.
Souha Maru, Japanese str., 1,001 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B35.—O.S.K.
Tean, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. H. Walker, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—B.S.S.
Tjimonshing, Dutch str., 3,018 tons, Capt. F. van Schermbek, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.
January 27th.
Anna, Italian str., 4,370 tons, Capt. W. Lawrence, from Trieste and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Dodwell & Co.
Guzman, American str., 3,710 tons, Capt. P. H. Whithead, from Seattle and Kobe, the latter port she left on January 21st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—Admiral Oriental Line.
Pocahontas, British str., 1,225 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Swatow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C11.—B. & S.
Washing, British str., 1,207 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.
Hannan, American str., 4,826 tons, Capt. G. J. Linnander, from Portland, Ore., and Shanghai, with latter port she left on January 21st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B26.—Arnold & Co.

Maunung, British str., 2,063 tons, Capt. P. R. G. Cuning, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Kishina Maru, Japanese str., 7,904 tons, Capt. S. Shiratori, from Yokohama and way ports, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—N.Y.K.
President, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. Alvin O. Lustia, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Admiral Oriental Line.
Tjimonshing, Dutch str., 3,061 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Balikpapan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B24.—J.C.J.L.
Tjondurens, British str., 7,172 tons, Capt. F. Adcock, from Cebu, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A32.—B. & S.
Washing, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B12.
Yuhing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. J. Campbell, from Shanghai, via Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at J.M. wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Fei Maru, Japanese str., 1,635 tons, Capt. K. Okutani, from Kowloon, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C18.—M.R.K.
Tingchow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9.

CLEARANCES

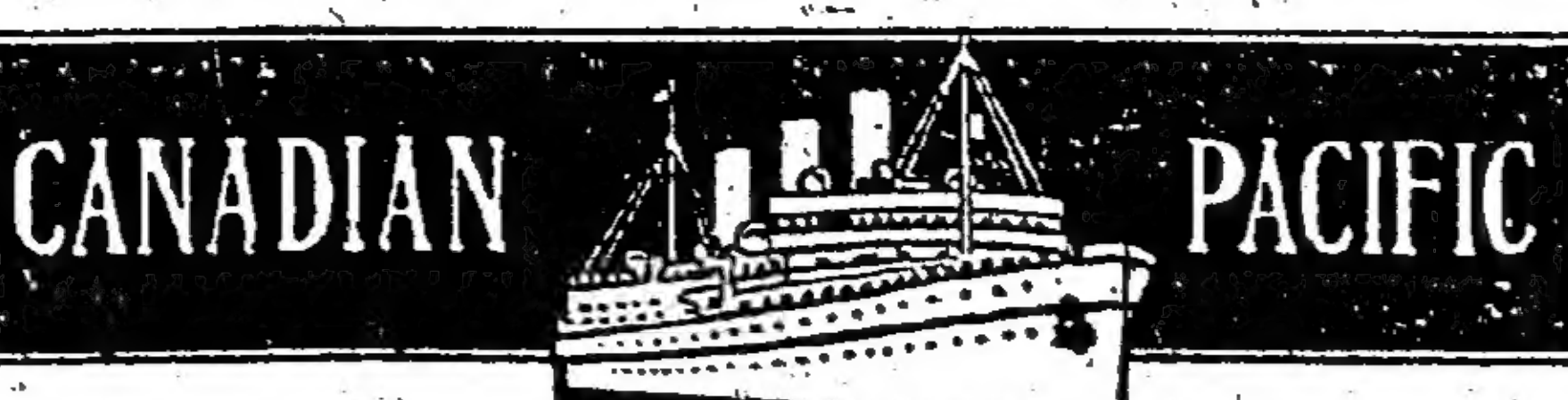
January 25th.
Haldi, for Saigon.
Yungo Maru No. 1, for Hoilow.
Sunghai Maru, for Canton.
Tjimonshing, for Saigon.
Tjondurens, for Manila.
January 26th.
Asia, for Canton.
Bangor Maru, for Canton.
Chungin, for Shanghai.
Chihli, for Canton.
Chipsing, for Haiphong.
Edgfield, for Saigon.
Karuma, for Kowloon.
Hongkong, for Swatow.
Hupsh, for Saigon.
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Karuma, for Shanghai.
Kwangong, for Pukow.
New Mathilde, for Haiphong.
Ningpo, for Saigon.
Phenicia, for Shanghai.
Salea, for Saigon.
Souha Maru, for Canton.
Tanzania, for Canton.
Van Olen, for Swatow.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. *Kaiser-i-Hind* from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles at 9 a.m. on January 25th.
The O.S.K. *S. Tacoma Maru* arrived at Rio de Janeiro on January 24th.
The S.S. *Gorham* is expected to arrive here from Shanghai to-morrow (Tuesday).
VESSELS EXPECTED.
Amboise (M.M.), due February 3th.
Angara (M.M.), due Jan. 31st.
Bakfield (Admiral Oriental), due Feb. 2nd.
Chihli (M.V.), due February 10th.
Demadous (Blue Funnel), due February 4th.
Empress of Australia due February 7th.
Hakusan Maru (N.Y.K.), due February 4th.
Hakusan Maru (N.Y.K.), due February 25th.
Meriones (Blue Funnel), due February 25th.
Mulacca Maru (N.Y.K.), due January 25th.
Mulacca Maru (N.Y.K.), due January 27th.
Muji Maru (N.Y.K.), due January 27th.
Portia (M.M.), due February 24th.
President Harrison (Dollar Line), due February 4th.
Princess (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
Siberia Maru (T.K.K.), due February 4th.
Sunghai Maru (N.Y.K.), due January 25th.
Tunda (B.I. & A.), due to-day.
Tetris (Blue Funnel), due February 4th.
Yalu (M.M.), due February 10th.
Yalu (M.M.), due February 10th.

SHIPPING NOTES

The silk which left here by the P. & O. *Kaiser-i-Hind* on December 29th was delivered in Marseilles on January 25th, a transit of 27 days.



HOME VIA CANADA

Hongkong to England

From Hongkong	Due	From Vancouver	Due	From Montreal	Due	From Quebec	Due
Empress Russia	Feb. 7	Feb. 28	Marloch	Mar. 7	Mar. 13		
Empress Australia	Feb. 22	Mar. 12	Mollita	Mar. 19	Mar. 26		
Empress Asia	Mar. 13	Mar. 31	Montrose	Apr. 11	Apr. 18		
Elrusia	Apr. 3	Apr. 21	Montroyal	May 9	May 9		

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SHIDZUKA MARU	Wednesday, 20th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANWERP via Singapore, &c.	
SUYA MARU	Wednesday, 30th Jan., at 11 a.m.
FUSHIMI MARU	Wednesday, 12th Feb.
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.	
MITO MARU	Middle of Feb.
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLE & VALENCE.	
DURBAN MARU	First half of Feb.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, &c.	
MISHIMA MARU	Monday, 28th Jan., at 2 p.m.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 13th Feb., at 11 a.m.
NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.	
MATEBASHI MARU	Wednesday, 13th Feb.
BUNOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.	
KAMAKURA MARU	Sunday, 17th Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.	
MOJI MARU	Monday, 28th Jan.
BARODATE MARU	Friday, 8th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MALACCA MARU	Tuesday, 29th Jan.
AKITA MARU	Friday, 8th Feb.
OSAKA MARU	Friday, 16th Feb.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
TANGO MARU	Thursday, 14th Feb.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
TSURUGA MARU	Monday, 4th Feb.
HOKUSAN MARU	Tuesday, 5th Feb.
KITANO MARU	Wednesday, 12th Feb.

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KOREA MARU (calling at Dairen), 20,000 tons, Apr. 8th, 1924.

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"MOREA"	10,611	23rd Feb.	B'way, Mars., London & Antwerp.
"ALIPPORE"	6,213	27th Feb.	Singapore & Bombay.
"NAGPORE"	6,283	4th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"PERIM"	7,648	8th March	do.
"KARMALA"	6,098	8th March	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	15th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NALDERA"	15,993	22nd March	B'way, Mars., L'don. & Antwerp.
"ADEN"	6,807	29th March	S'pore, Oolombo & Bombay.
"SICILIA"	6,813	29th March	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	6,014	5th April	do.
"CHINA"	7,952	19th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SUDAN"	6,696	26th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"PLASSY"	7,426	17th May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	24th May	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KHIVA"	9,037	31st May	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,840	14th June	Mars., London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS

"JAPAN"	6,052	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	22nd Feb.	do.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday.
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"PERIM"	7,648	1st Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"SUDAN"	6,696	4th Feb.	Shanghai.
"NALDERA"	15,993	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,943	14th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"PAOUA"	5,807	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	6,014	23rd Feb.	do.
"NELLORE"	6,553	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,952	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,812	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	4th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SUDAN"	6,696	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"PLASSY"	7,426	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,037	2nd May	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	6,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,611	30th May	do.
"KARMALA"	6,098	13th June	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	Moji & Kobe.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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AMOY, SHANGHAI, WEIHAIWEI	"TUNGCHOW"	On 29th Jan. D.L.
CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"CHIHLI"	On 29th Jan. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGCHOW"	On 30th Jan. 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 30th Jan. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TRIAN"	On 30th Jan. 2 p.m.
MANILA	"SOOCHOW"	On 31st Jan. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 31st Jan. Noon.
SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd Feb. 4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ICHANG"	On 4th Feb. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KALGAN"	On 5th Feb. 1 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KASHING"	On 6th Feb. 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 6th Feb. 2 p.m.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 6th Feb. 2 p.m.

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"CELESTES MARU" ... Wednesday, 6th Feb.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon

Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.

"SEATTLE MARU" ... Friday, 8th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.

"ALPS MARU" (Calls at Penang) ... Saturday, 9th Feb.

ANDER MARU ... Tuesday, 20th Feb.

SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE

"KASHU MARU" ... Friday, 1st Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon

"INDO MARU" ... Wednesday, 13th Feb.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

"ARIZONA MARU" ... Monday, 18th Feb.

NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.

"ALASKA MARU" ... End of Feb.

JAPAN PORTS—Moj, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.

"NANKING MARU" ... Monday, 28th Jan.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

"AMAKURA MARU" ... Sunday, 2nd Feb., 11 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

"BOSSU MARU" ... Thursday, 31st Jan., 8 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELUNG

"PATANIA MARU" ... Friday, 8th Feb.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
SHANGHAI	Suiyang	23rd Jan.
STRAITS	Tanda	23rd Jan.
SHANGHAI	Shansi	23rd Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Free Jackson	30th Jan.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Batavia	1st Feb.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Free Harrison	4th Feb.
STRAITS	Hakima Maru	4th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow and Bangkok	Fooking	Monday, 22nd, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Tungchow	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 17th Feb.	Free McKinley	Parcels 22nd, 5.00 P.M. Registration 22nd, 8.00 A.M. Letters 22nd, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Amoy & Fooking	Lycam	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Batching	Noon
Java via Batavia	Peking	1.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Tylenburg	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Swatow	3.30 P.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 20th Feb.	Ainguan	Wednesday, 30th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Amoy & Fooking	Tyndareus	Parcels 23rd, 5.00 P.M. Registration 23rd, 8.45 A.M. Letters 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Swatow	8.45 A.M.
Amoy	Amoy	9.00 A.M.
Manila	Manila	1.00 P.M.
Java via Sourabaya	Tylenburg	2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fooking	Swatow	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Chunyang	Thursday, 31st, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fooking	Hakima	Friday, Feb. 1st, Noon
Manila	Free Jackson	3.30 P.M.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th Feb.	St. Albans	Parcels 1st, 5.00 P.M. Registration 2nd, 8.45 A.M. Letters 2nd, 10.30 A.M.
Straits	Van Cloon	Saturday, 2nd, Noon
Japan	Tylenburg	Sunday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Manila	Monday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fooking	Free Jackson	Friday, 5th, Noon

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

23rd January, 1924.

On LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	3/4
Bank Bills, on demand	3/4 1/16	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	3/4	
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	3/4	
Credit, at 4 months sight	3/4 13/16	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/4 15/16	
On PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	1,000
Credit, 4 months sight	1,150	
On NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand	49 1/2
Credit, at 30 days sight	51 1/2	
On BOMBAY—	Telegraphic Transfer	13 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	13 1/2	
On CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer	13 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	13 1/2	
On SHANGHAI—	Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days sight	111	
On YOKOHAMA—	On demand	98
On MANILA—	On demand	99
On SINGAPORE—	On demand	136
On BATAVIA—	On demand	nom.
On HONGKONG—	On demand	79 1/2
On SINGAPORE—	Bank's Buying rate	3 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tola	9.55	
Silver, per tola	33 1/2	

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Head Office: Hongkong.
Authorized Capital ... \$50,000,000
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A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.
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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [49]

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1923.

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. [52]

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. [53]

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. [54]

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